

Minutes
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2002, 1:15 p.m.

Budget hearings

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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, May 23, 2002, 1:15 p.m., at the 1924 Courthouse, Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina. The purpose of the special meeting was for budget hearings for county departments and outside agencies.

Present were Chairman W. Steve Ikerd, Vice-Chair Marie H. Huffman, and Commissioners Katherine W. Barnes, Barbara G. Beatty, and Dan A. Hunsucker.

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

Also present were County Manager/Deputy Clerk J. Thomas Lundy, Deputy County Manager Steven D. Wyatt, and Assistant County Manager Mick W. Berry.

1. Chairman Ikerd called the special meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. He welcomed everyone and said the purpose of the special meeting was for budget hearings.
2. Budget hearings:

- a. The following persons gave budget reports and made comments or additional requests on County Manager J. Thomas Lundy's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2002-2003:

J. Anthony Rose, President, Chief Executive Officer, Catawba Valley Medical Center
Betty Blackburn, Chair, Catawba County Schools

Current Expense
Capital Expense

Ms. Blackburn made a request that Catawba County Schools be allowed to borrow \$1,990,000 from St. Stephens High School classroom project for classrooms at Fred T. Foard. This will be repaid from the proceeds from the sale of St. Stephens Elementary. (No monetary request, only letter of commitment.)

Sarah Talbert, Chair, Hickory City Schools

Current Expense
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Larry Williams, Soil and Water

David Wright, Forestry

Larry Brewer, Board of Elections

Rodney N. Miller, Finance

Sheriff L. David Huffman, Sheriff's Office

Ruth Mackie, Register of Deeds

Barry Blick and Sherry Butler, Public Health

John Hardy and Steve Graff, Mental Health

Randy Moose, Tax Office

Administration
Reappraisal

John Witherspoon, Debra Bechtel, Planning and Development

Barry Edwards, Utilities and Engineering

Administration
Solid Waste

Water and Sewer Reserve Fund

Water and Sewer Construction Fund

Mick Berry, Technology

Administration
Communications Center
E-911 Fund

3. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the board, at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Ikerd made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

W. Steve Ikerd, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

J. Thomas Lundy
County Manager/Deputy Clerk